Interference by DOD over Subjects

1189. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has written to the Prime Minister over the "uncalled for' interference by the Department of Disinvestment over subjects and issues under the purview of his Ministry, as published in sections of the Press; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Prime Minister thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Majority of urban population living in Jhuggies

†1190. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the cities in India more than fifty per cent of the population are compelled to dwell in the jhuggi-jhonpries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these are bereft of all the basic amenities; and

(c) if so, the measures being taken by Government to resolve the problems of the jhuggi dwellers?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) Though the exact percentage of population living in jhuggi-jhonpries in the country is not available, the State-wise, number of estimated slums and slum households as per the National Sample Survey Organisation, 49th Round Report are given in Annexure. [See Appendix 189, Annexure No. 46]

(b) No, Sir. As per 49th Round (Jan.—June 1993) Survey, Slums in India NSSO, reported that around 1/3rd of urban slums had pucca and kutcha structures, 65% of the urban slums reported a 'tap' as a source of drinking water, while more than a quarter got drinking water through tube well/hand pumps. About 60% of the urban slums remain water logged during monsoon, 54% had no latrine facility. Only about 18% had latrines with a septic tank and flush system and 7% were having service latrine facilities.

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